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Applicant : Kazufumi OGAWA et al. Art Unit: 1508
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Title : WATER- AND OIL-REPELLING FILM AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

A restriction requirement was issued on September 21, 1992 in this case. Restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 USC §121:

I. Claims 1-11, which are drawn to a water repellant film on a "rough" surface,

II. Claims 12-21, which are drawn to a method of coating a water repellant film on a "rough" surface, and

III. Claims 22-23, which are drawn to a method of coating a water repellant film with particles on a surface.


The Examiner considered that the claims of Groups I-III are directed to distinct inventions, and that the product of Group I can be made by either of the materially different processes of Groups II or III. Furthermore, it was considered that the processes of Groups II and III include "process steps which [are] incompatible with the other Group."

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-11. This election is made with traverse insofar as the

Examiner has considered the claims to be drawn to "a water repellent film on a rough surface." As the claims of this application clearly indicate, the present invention is directed to an adsorbing film having "surface irregularities" within the nanometer range of measurement. This does not necessarily define a "rough" surface.

Applicants request early and favorable consideration of the claimed invention.

Respectfully submitted,


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